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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AT MARCH 2 HOUSE QUESTION PERIOD, PM TRUDEAU HAD FOLLOWING TO SAY ON HUMAN RIGHTS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
- 2. QUOTE: YES, MR. SPEAKER, THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH BETWEEN US, AND WHEN THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED HIS APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM I CONGRATULATED HIM AND INDICATED I WAS SOMEWHAT ENVIOUS OF HIS ABILITY TO GET RESULTS BY SPEAKING DIRECTLY. I TOLD HIM THAT IN THE PAST WE HAD USED SOMETHING CALLED A MORE DIPLOMATIC APPROACH AND THAT WE HAD SOME SUCCESS WITH THAT APPROACH, BUT THAT PERHAPS THE MORE DIRECT APPROACH WOULD BE MORE SUCCESSFUL AND I WAS ANXIOUS TO COMPARE RESULTS WITH HIM. WE AGREED THAT BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE REVIEWING THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE WE WOULD, THROUGH OUR OFFICIALS, INDIRECTLY ATTEMPT TO ASSESS WHICH IS THE MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACH, THE DIRECT APPROACH OR THE DIPLOMATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTATION APPROACH.

3. QUOTE: HOWEVER, I REPEAT THAT I THINK IT IS MORE SATISFACTORY, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR COUNTRY WHICH HAS A GRIEVANCE, TO SAY SO OUT LOUD AND VERY CLEARLY. IT IS MUCH MORE REWARDING IN TERMS OF SELF-SATISFACTION. BUT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT PRODUCES

BETTER RESULTS IS ONE WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ASSESS TOGETHER. UNQUOTE. LEARY

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